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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to fee calculation and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

27. (New) A pharmaceutical agent delivery composition comprising:

a pharmaceutical agent;

a transport polymer in association with the pharmaceutical agent, the transport polymer comprising a peptide characterized as having at least 10 amino acid residues,